മിസ്റ്റർ പി. വി. റാഫേൽ: ആവശ്യമുള്ളിടത്തോളം വിവരങ്ങളും അതിൽ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഓരോ കമ്മ്യണിറ്റിയിലും നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളവർ എത്രയാണെന്ന അഡ്മിനിസ്ട്രേഷൻ റിപ്പോർട്ട് നോക്കിയാൽ കാണുവാൻ സാധിക്കുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. വി. റാഫേൽ: ഓരോ കമ്മ്യണിറ്റിയും തിരിച്ചു പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്. നായർ, തമിഴ് ബ്രാഹ്മണർ, റോമോഡിയൻ, ഈഴവർ, മുസ്ലീംസ്, മറ്റു ഹിന്ദുക്കൾ, അധഃകൃതർ ഇങ്ങിനെയുള്ള ഓരോ ഇനവും തിരിച്ചുപറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether the Government has any intention of making public service of the State a managerie, that is, a house containing the types of all the communities in the State?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)*: Government's intentions are clear from the Staff Selection Board Rules.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether through the Minister or through the Diwan, it is policy or intention of the Government of Cochin to have properly constituted managerie of Government Servants?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: Public Offices are not manageries.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: Do the Government consider that the different communities in the State are different species of animals?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: Certainly not.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: They belong to communities of bipeds, we know.

SALARIES—STANDARDISATION OF

30. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Will Government be pleased to state whether in view of the disparity in the salaries in the several departments the Government will appoint a committee to standardise the salaries?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)*: The present abnormal conditions when there are many temporary appointments created on special rates of pay for special reasons and when the price levels are recoketing, will not give the correct basis or data for standardisation of salaries. The question has therefore to lie over for the present.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: What is the present salary of the Joint Secretary?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)*: Rs. 350—500.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: What is the salary of the other second grade Heads of departments?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)*: We concede that there is difference in the salary; but we only point out that this is not the time when standardisation of pay can be looked into.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: May I take it that there is inequity in the matter of salaries of different officers.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)*: That there is inequality we can concede and nothing further than that.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: I said inequity.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)*: We will concede so much as this, that there is inequality.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Is the salary of the Chief Medical Officer less than that of the Director of Public Health?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)*: As I said there are differences in salaries and my only submission is that this is not the proper time to consider all these questions. A time will probably come after the present emergency is over and conditions assume normal. Then we will consider these things.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Suppose the emergency continues till the officer retires?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)*: Of course, the person who retires may have to take the consequences.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: What is the present salary of the Income-tax Commissioner?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)*: Rs. 300—400.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* So Government are fully aware that there are differences in salaries.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Our object is only to bring these matters to the notice of the Government.

EXPENDITURE—SCRUTINY OF—COMMITTEE FOR

31. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will Government be pleased to state whether in view of the growing expenditure of public funds the Government will appoint a committee for scrutinising such expenditure with a view to greater economy ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* The growth of expenditure in the present days is mainly due to the emergencies resulting from the abnormal situation on account of the war and the connected activities such as A.R.P., Food Control Measures, Food Production Measures, etc. This is but a temporary phase and when normal conditions are restored, the situation will entirely change. In a period of flux as the present, there is no scope for a committee as the one suggested and the question of a committee has to lie over till normal conditions are restored, and the situation is studied as then obtaining.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Had not the Government said that at least a major portion of the expenditure on A.R.P. would be recouped by the British Government ?

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Government only said they will negotiate.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* That is all what they said.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I bring to the notice of the Hon'ble Chair the point that I raised yesterday that in three days only 31 questions have been answered ? May I know, Sir, whether it is due to paucity of questions.

Mr. President: The Secretary to the Council gives the glad news that the number will steadily increase from day to day.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* It is only 31 questions for three days. The average is very low. We should like to know where we stand.

Mr. President: We hope to answer a majority of the questions. One difficulty is that some questions are put rather too late and there is not sufficient time to answer them. Of course, offices are working at a high pressure and I am sure that the number of questions coming up will increase considerably in a day or two. The Secretary says that he has got 300 questions and answers have been received to about 67 per cent of them.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* With regard to the observations that questions have been received late, I may bring to the notice of the Hon'ble President that as long ago as four months back I have given notice of 18 questions. None of them except one have been answered during these three days.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* As guardian of the rights of the House I would request the Chair, to see that not a single convenient or inconvenient question fails to be answered. I hope the Chair as President of this House may be pleased to see that all questions are answered. Many questions drop out.

Mr. President: It is impossible. Will it be enough if they answer that they have no information ?

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Even that is enough.

Mr. President: That will be wasting the time of the House.

Adjournment Motion

I have received an adjournment motion from Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan. It is disallowed under rule 52.

VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS

XV. General Administration—Rs. 2,05,377

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* I move for an allotment of Rs. 2,05,377 under 15 General Administration. There are a series of cut motions bearing on the general policy and when these cut motions are taken up, I think I can discuss the points more fully. Therefore, I request that the motion may now be considered.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* I am glad to note that the Hill Paddy Scheme has been transferred. In view of that there is no necessity for the present cut motion.

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